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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
DEPARTMENT OF LAW & PUBLIC SAFETY
DIVISION OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
STATE BOARD OF DENTISTRY

IN THE MATTER OF THE SUSPENSION: OR REVOCATION OF THE LICENSE OF:

Administrative Action

SIU-HANG REBECCA FERRARO, D.D.S.

**CONSENT ORDER** 

TO PRACTICE DENTISTRY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY

THIS MATTER was opened to the New Jersey State Board of Dentistry (hereinafter the "Board") upon the receipt of a complaint from R.B. and A.B., the parents of patient E.B. concerning orthodontic treatment performed by respondent Siu-Hang Rebecca Ferraro, D.D.S. (hereinafter the "Respondent"). On February 19, 1997, respondent appeared without counsel before the Board for an Investigative Inquiryregarding her care of patient E.B. The Board reviewed and considered the entire record in this matter including the patient chart, x-rays, the consultant's expert report prepared on behalf of the Board and testimony of respondent. It appears to the Board that the orthodontic treatment rendered to patient E.B. by respondent deviated from the generally

accepted standards of an average qualified dentist in violation of N.J.S.A. 45:1-21(d). This review disclosed, among other things, that respondent failed to timely recognize the unusual difficulties presented by tooth #3 resulting from either its delayed eruption or the fact that it was ankylosed; failed to timely refer patient E.B. to an orthodontic specialist for a second opinion when tooth #3 failed to respond to the orthodontic treatment within a reasonable period of time; and failed to correctly angle the anterior teeth as a result of the orthodontic treatment rendered to patient E.B.

It appearing that the parties wish to resolve this matter without recourse to formal proceedings and for good cause shown,

IT IS on this 4<sup>th</sup> day of Sone, 1997, ORDERED, that:

- 1. Respondent shall immediately cease and desist from the practice of orthodontics until she successfully completes a two year orthodontic program that would satisfy all requirements necessary to obtain a specialty permit in orthodontics pursuant to N.J.A.C. 13:30-8.4(c). Said course shall be approved by the Board in writing prior to attendance utilizing the attached Pre-Approval Sheet. The attached form is made a part of the within Order.
- 2. Respondent shall make restitution to the patient's parents for fees charged in connection with the orthodontic treatment provided to patient E.B. by submitting a certified check or money order payable to R.B. in the amount of \$2,800.00 to the State Board of Dentistry, Attention: Agnes M. Clarke, Executive Director, 124 Halsey Street, P.O. Box 45005, Newark, New Jersey 07101, no later than the first day of the month following the entry date of this Order.

- 3. The respondent is hereby assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$2,500.00. Said penalty shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and submitted to the State Board of Dentistry no later than the first day of the month following the entry date of this Order.
- 4. Respondent is hereby assessed the costs of the investigation to the State in this matter in the amount of \$262.34. Said costs shall be submitted by certified check or money order made payable to the State of New Jersey and mailed to the Board no later than the first day of the month following the entry date of this Order.

ANTHONY M. VILLANE, JR., D.D.S.

VICE - President of the State Board of Dentistry
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I have read and understand the within Order and agree to be bound by its terms. Consent is hereby given to entry of this Order.

Siu-Hang Rebecca Ferraro, D.D.S.